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**Subject:** Re: Amarillo, TX residential phosgene gas incident - OSC Enders and START contractor deployed  
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I just spoke to EM. I'll ask. Theresa West is EM coordinator. Her cell is (b) (6). Dr Milton is public health authority now for Amarillo. She is going to touch base with him. She said we have two local HAZMAT teams; both very thorough and she feels that a perimeter has very likely been established. She's going to do some checking.

For public health and medical; use PCC # for public. 1800 222 1222.  
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On Jan 2, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Ruhl, Christopher <[Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Ruhl.Christopher@epa.gov)> wrote:

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4 people are dead and up to an additional 6 people have been exposed to what is believed to have been phosgene gas. Reports indicate that a resident mixed aluminum phosphide with water which produced phosgene gas. TCEQ notified EPA of the incident and has requested assistance. The incident is located in Amarillo, TX. EPA has dispatched OSC Enders and START contractor.

<http://www.newschannel10.com/story/34164863/developing-4-confirmed-dead-hazmat-crews-respond-to-northeast-amarillo-home>

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